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MT. VERNON MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 3, 2006, **BRANDON WADE HARRIS**, age 21 of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **HARRIS** was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment, was fined \$200, and was placed on 10 years' supervised release.

HARRIS had previously pleaded guilty to a one-count federal indictment, which charged conspiracy to manufacture fifty (50) grams or more of methamphetamine.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and other state and local law enforcement authorities.

In addition, the Jefferson County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.